

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/579,300  
Applicant : Lucio Valent, *et al.*  
Filed : May 16, 2006  
Title : COUNTERWEIGHT FOR WASHING MACHINE TUB  
TC/A.U. : 1792  
Examiner : David G. Cormier  
Docket No. : AEG-40434  
Customer No. : 00116

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Amendment "A"**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 8, 2009, please amend the above identified application as follows. The 3 month period of time for responding to the Office Action expires on August 8, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.